

TOOK EXPECTED DROP.

Cape Shore Mackerel Went to
\$10.50 Yesterday.

Two Fares Were Sold at That
Figure.

Cape Shore salt mackerel took a lofty but expected drop yesterday, when sales were made at \$10.50 per barrel, which is \$1.50 per barrel lower than previous sales.

The fare of sch. Natalie B. Nickerson sold to Fred Bradley at \$10.50 per barrel and the fare of sch. John S. Presson sold to George Perkins & Son at the same figure.

FROM THE CAPE SHORE.

Most of the Seining Fleet
Now Bound Home.

SEVERAL ARRIVALS TODAY.

Sch. Corsair Has a Fine Fare at
Boston Today.

Since last report there has been six arrivals from the Cape Shore, one at Boston and five at this port. The vessels here report very few fish seen recently and no fish of consequence seen beyond Canso, N. S., which but strengthens the belief that most of the Cape Shore schools went through the straits of Canso and thence into North Bay, where it is almost hopeless to try to catch them schooling. A few seiners are reported to have gone through the straits in search of them. This opinion of the fish going through the straits is strengthened by the steady and continued good catches of the boats and nets at Canso and Guysboro Bays and the practical failure of the fishery to the eastward of this along Sant Esprit and beyond.

Sch. Saladin, which arrived here this morning, left Canso Sunday and reports that practically the whole fleet were on the way home, having given it up on the Cape Shore, although some are expected to go to the southward, especially those which have but few fish.

The news of the Corsair's arrival at Boston this morning shows, however, that some fish must have been taken recently, as she has materially added to her trip during the past few days.

A conservative estimate of the catch of the Cape Shore fleet places it at between 9000 and 10,000 barrels. Fifteen arrivals have brought 3980 barrels thus far, but the majority of the fleet have not done as well as those which are home. From the latest reports about 10 of the fleet are yet to arrive with from 200 to 300 barrels each, about 12 with from 100 to 200 barrels and the remainder with very light catches.

Schs. Talisman and Victor are reported to have gone to the southward and several arrivals are expected here before tomorrow.

Sch. Nourmahal was at Boston yesterday afternoon with 10,000 fresh mackerel in count and 155 barrels salt mackerel. The fish were taken off South Shoal lightship and is the first fare from the southward at Boston this season.

The fare of sch. Nourmahal at Boston yesterday was taken off the South Shoal lightship. Steamer Alice M. Jacobs took 60 barrels and salted and sch. Susie Hooper also salted a haul. About half a dozen seiners also made small hauls.

Our correspondent at Newport wires the following mackerel arrivals today:

Sch. J. W. Bradley, 1500 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Little Fanny, 3000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Susie B., 2000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Lizzie Hunt, 1800 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Florida, 26 barrels fresh mackerel.
Sch. Angilena, 52 barrels fresh mackerel.
Sch. Jessie, 18 barrels fresh mackerel.
Sch. Dreadnaught, 17 barrels fresh mackerel.
Sch. Nettie May, 1000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. J. W. Bradley was at Newport yesterday afternoon with 1500 fresh mackerel. Capt. Foley reported it very thick outside.

The receipts from the Cape Shore thus far aggregate 15 trips with 3912 barrels salt mackerel.

Some of the Cape Shore vessels have gone to the southward and are in the fleet off No Man's Land.

Sch. John M. Plummer, from off No Man's Land with 240 barrels of salt mackerel arrived at Portland yesterday, the earliest salt mackerel arrival there for years.

Sch. Diana was at North Sydney, C. B., yesterday. Her skipper wires some fish off there, but weather bad. He had 200 barrels salt mackerel.

The fare of sch. Latona sold to George Perkins & Son, that of sch. Lena and Maud to D. E. Woodbury, that of sch. Saladin to the Gloucester Mackerel Co., and that of sch. Priscilla Smith to William H. Jordan & Co., and those of sch. Harry G. French and sch. Faustina to John Pew & Son, all at \$10.50 per bbl.

ICE DROVE HER.

But Sch. Arbutus Has Fine Salt
Cod Fare.

Brings Third Large Salt Bank
Trip of Season.

Sch. Arbutus, Capt. Newman Wharton, arrived from the Gulf of St. Lawrence yesterday afternoon with one of the best salt cod fares of the season, 230,000 pounds.

This is a fine fare, and secured in good time, as Capt. Wharton's was one of the last of the salt bank fleet to get away.

Capt. Wharton had seen none of the salt bankers recently, having been fishing recently in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

But for ice he would have had even a much larger trip as this enemy of the fishermen prevented him from doing much on his last baiting, driving him from a most excellent spot of fish off Newfoundland coast, off Cow Head, up beyond Bonne Bay.

This is the third large bank cod fare of the season and the good time in which it was secured, despite the ice obstacles on the last end speaks well for Capt. Newman Wharton, who is well and favorably known as a young skipper of judgment and ability.

LOBSTERS INCREASING.

Many Small Ones Found on the
Maine Coast.

Sch. Grampus Will Come Here
for 3,000,000 Fry.

The United States fish commission schooner Grampus arrived at Portland, yesterday, after the planting of 1,500,000 lobster fry in Casco bay.

Around Wood island and Kennebunkport more small lobsters, about two and three inches long, are being found than at any time before in the history of the place. These were grown from the fry planted in 1901-02.

On her return from this port, the Grampus will sow 3,000,000 fry in the bays along the coast, principally about Boothbay.

FOOD FOR ALLIGATORS.

Two Little Beavers Caught in Che-
bacco Lake.

On Sunday Mr. A. W. Flye, the jeweler, captured two small beavers at Chebacco lake. He brought the animals to this city, and they were placed in the tank at E. P. Wonson's lunch room. But the alligator had not been reckoned with. Yesterday morning the alligator was calmly eating one of the little beavers, while the other was dead in the bottom of the tank.

To-day Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Vesta, Rips, 40,000 lbs. cod.
Sch. Saladin, Cape Shore, 235 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Faustina, Cape Shore, 180 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Priscilla Smith, Cape Shore, 350 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Latona, Cape Shore, 267 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Lena and Maud, Cape Shore, 261 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Metamora, via Boston, 120,000 lbs. hake, 10,000 lbs. cusk.
Sch. Arbutus, Gulf St. Lawrence, 230,000 lbs. cod.

Today's Market.

Board of trade prices: Large handline Georges cod, \$3.75 per cwt. medium do., \$3.00; large trawl Georges, \$3.50; medium do., \$2.75; handline cod from deck, caught east of Cape Sable, \$3.75; medium do., \$2.75; large trawl bank cod, \$2.87 1-2; medium do., \$2.50; large dory handline cod, \$3.12 1-2; medium do., \$2.75.

Board of Trade splitting prices on fresh fish—All cod caught on Le Have Bank and to the westward, large \$2.00; medium, \$1.40; all cod caught to the eastward of Le Have Bank, large, \$1.80; medium, \$1.30; snapper cod fish, 40 cts.; cusk, \$1.30; haddock, 75 cts.; hake, 80 cts.; pollock, 50 cts.

Ipswich Bay pollock, 45 cts. per cwt.

Outside sales bank cod, \$3 per cent. for large and \$2.50 for medium.

Rips cod, \$3.62 1-2 per cwt. for large and \$2.87 1-2 for medium.

Bank halibut, 10 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts. for gray.

Georges halibut, 9 3-4 cents per lb. for white and 8 1-4 cents for gray.

Fresh mackerel, 6 1-2 cts. apiece.

Cape Shore salt mackerel, \$10.50 per bbl.

No Man's Land salt mackerel, \$12.75 per bbl.

Salt pollock, 90 cents per cwt.

Boston.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 7000 haddock, 6500 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 12,000 haddock, 2200 cod.

Sch. Amelia Enos, 5000 haddock, 11,500 cod, 1500 hake, 200 pollock.

Sch. Gertrude, 5000 haddock.

Sch. Ellen M. Burke, 6000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 2000 hake, 600 pollock.

Sch. Gov. Russell, 25,000 cod, 20,000 halibut.

Haddock \$3 to \$4, large cod \$3 to \$4.50, market cod \$3 to \$4, hake \$1 to \$1.50, pollock \$1.50 to \$1.75.